# *An Account of the Manner of Taking the Late Duke of* Monmouth, *&c.*

## By His Majesties Command.

IMmediatly after the Defeat of the Rebels at *Bridge-water*; on *Monday* the sixth of *July* instant, the late Duke of *Monmouth*, late Lord *Grey*, and the *Brandenburgh* fled; and coming between *Gillingham* and *Shaftsbury*, got a Guide to lead them the way to the New Forrest, most free from Towns and Watches; he led them by *White-Sheet* four Miles East of *Shaftsbury*, and thence by *Cranborne* Chase; where their Horses being tir'd, they let them loose, and hid their Bridles and Sadles.

In the mean time, the News of the said Defeat coming to the Lord *Lumley*, then posted at *Ringwood* in *Hampshire*, with three Troops of Horse of Collonel *Staplyes* Regiment, commanded by Major *Bridger*, Captain *Monk* and Captain *Peckham*, and four Companies of Foot of Collonel *Alfords* Regiment, Commanded by Lieutenant Collonel *Cooper*, Captain *Bickely*, Captain *Best*, and Captain *Carr*, all of the *Sussex* Militia: His Lordship was pleas'd to send his Scouts every way to take up suspected Persons; and Sir *William Portman*, for the same end, had taken care for strong Watches to be set, made up of his yellow Coats and others, on the Roads from *Pool* to the most Northern parts of *Dorset*.

Upon the seventh Instant, about five in the Morning, some of the Lord *Lumley*'s said Scouts (riding in the Road near *Holt Lodge* in *Dorset*, four Miles West of *Ringwood*) just at the turn of a Cross way, surpriz'd and seiz'd two suspected Persons; which (when the Lord *Lumley* came up) prov'd to be the late Lord *Grey*, and the said Guide: This put the Lord *Lumley* upon a strict examining of the Cottages (with which that Heathy Country abounds) and call'd in the Neighbourhood that were acquainted with the Country, *&c.* Notice of this being brought to Sir *William Portman*, by some of his Watches, *&c.* He hasten'd to the Place with as many Horse and Foot as he could of a sudden get together.

It happen'd upon the Lord *Lumley*'s inquiry amongst the Cottages, that a poor Woman, one *Amy Farrant* directed his Lordship to a Hedge, where she had seen two men go over; which Hedge prov'd to be part of the Out-bounds of very many enclosed Grounds; some overgrown by Fearn and Brakes, and others sown with Rye, Pease, or Oats, *&c.*

Whereupon a strict Guard was put very near one another, round those Out-bounds; whilst other Foot and Horse did beat within: These Guards kept their several Posts so well, that tho the late Duke, and the *Brandenburgh* attempted at least thirty times, to make their Escape out, yet they always found each Guard ready; and upon their last attempt to escape, two of the Troopers fireing on them, made them immediatly to Retire and hide themselves apart from each other, in some of the adjacent Ditches, where they were afterwards found.

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Upon the eight day by five of the Clock in the morning, the *Brandenburgh* was found; who upon Examination, confeſs'd, that he parted with the ſaid late Duke within the ſame Out-bounds, about one of the Clock that morning: Whereupon every individual Perſon being encourag'd thereby, and by the hopes of having a ſhare in the 5000. *l.* (as was before agreed of in the Field) did renew the purſuit of him with the ſtricteſt ſearch and diligence imaginable; and about ſeven of the clock of the ſame morning, one *Henry Parkin* (ſervant to *Samuel Rolles* Eſq;) happened to diſcover the ſaid late Duke hid in a Ditch, covered with Fearn and Brakes, and calling to two of the *Suſſex* Troopers that were by him, all three ſeiz'd him together: Sir *William Portman* happening to be near that place, rid preſently in and quieted thoſe that cried Shoot him, Shoot him! he laid hands on him as his Priſoner, and ſo preſerv'd him from all violence and rudeneſs: And immediately in the ſame inſtant, the Lord *Lumley* came in, and agreed that Sir *William Portman* ſhould ſearch him; which was done, and as ſoon as they had found his *George*, they diſpatched that, with the News to his Majeſty by Captain *Bickely*, and Mr. *Chaldecot*, a *Suſſex* and *Dorſet* Gentleman.

The Priſoners after this were keept two nights at *Ringwood*. On *Friday* the Lord *Lumley* diſcharged the Foot there; and with the ſaid three Troops of the *Suſſex* Horſe, and one Troop of the *Dorſet* Militia, commanded by Captain *Fownes*, they were conveyed to *Wincheſter*, Where joyn'd them two Troops of his Majeſties in pay, and two of the *Northampton* Militia Troops, all which conducted them to *Farnham* Caſtle upon *Saturday* the 11*th*. and the next day to *Guilford*, and upon *Monday* the 13*th*. to *Fox-hall*, where a Regiment of the Lord *Dartmouths* received them, with other Troops of His Majeſties in pay, and thence by Barge they were carried to *Whitehall*.

The Papers and Books that were found on him are ſince delivered to His Majeſty.

One of the Books was a Manuſcript of Spells, Charms, and Conjurations, Songs, Receits, and Prayers, all written with the ſaid late Duke's own hand.

Two others were Manuſcripts of Fortification and the Military Art.

And a fourth Book fairly written, wherein are Computes of the yearly Expence of His Majeſties Navy and Land Forces.

And as for his Gold; only twenty Guinies were given to the ſaid *Parkin*; and ten Guinies a piece to the two Troopers, that firſt ſeiz'd him; and the reſt was return'd to the ſaid late Duke.

As the Priſoners paſſed through *Rumſey*, *Wincheſter*, *Farnham*, and *Guilford*, one would admire to ſee the very great numbers of the Militia, with the Deputy Lieutenants, and Gentlemen of thoſe parts, that were ready to guard them, and take off the Fatigue of ſuch as were on the March.

Within doors none but Commiſſion-Officers were truſted to watch by them; and beſides thoſe, the Lord *Lumley* and Sir *William Portman* took their turns to watch in Perſon, night and day, from the time of the taking of the ſaid late Duke, until they had delivered him ſafe at *Whitehal*, from whence he was conveyed to the *Tower*.

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